



**THE ECONOMIC IMPACT  
OF AMERICA'S DOMESTIC MARITIME INDUSTRY  
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
A Major American Maritime State**

Florida ranks second among all domestic maritime states. The American domestic maritime industry includes vessel operators, marine terminals, shipyards, and workers engaged in the movement of cargo exclusively within the U.S.

- The state of Florida ranks second among all states with 52,140 American maritime jobs tied to the domestic maritime industry. (Only Louisiana has slightly more.) Labor income related to the domestic maritime industry in Florida exceeds \$2.97 billion annually.
- Total gross economic output related to the Florida's domestic maritime industry is \$9.69 billion annually, again second only to Louisiana.
- Florida is a major shipyard state, seventh nationally in shipbuilding-related jobs. A recent study of shipbuilding by the U.S. Maritime Administration, covering both commercial and military ship construction, found a \$1.63 billion annual economic impact in Florida with 21,890 associated jobs. More than \$1 billion in labor income is associated with the shipyard industry in Florida each year.
- Florida is the rare state that includes significant elements of all three major parts of the American domestic maritime industry -- vessel operating companies, ship construction and repair yards, and maritime industry workers and retirees. Also, the American commercial maritime industry works closely with the U.S. Navy throughout the state of Florida.
- Florida's 4th Congressional District, including Jacksonville, is third among all U.S. Congressional Districts with 9,670 American domestic maritime industry jobs. Florida's 5th Congressional District, also representing the Jacksonville area, also ranks among the top districts in the U.S.
- Domestic maritime cargo moves into Florida from 18 states plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The following are the top states delivering domestic maritime cargo to Florida:

Rank	State	Volume of Cargo Delivered to Florida
1	Louisiana	21.8 million tons
2	Texas	10.1 million tons
3	Mississippi	4.5 million tons
4	Alabama	2.9 million tons
5	Virgin Islands	1.8 million tons

- Domestic maritime cargo originating in Florida moves to 11 other U.S. states and Puerto Rico. The following are the top states receiving domestic maritime cargo from Florida:

Rank	State	Volume of Cargo Received From Florida
1	Puerto Rico	2.2 million tons
2	Alabama	1.4 million tons
3	Louisiana	1.2 million tons
4	New York	.265 million tons
5	Texas	.234 million tons

- Petroleum products constitute two-thirds (66%) of the merchandise delivered by domestic ship into Florida. Manufactured goods (18%) make up the single largest category of exports by domestic vessels to other states or Puerto Rico.
- Florida has seaports in Jacksonville, Cape Canaveral (Port Canaveral), Fort Lauderdale (Port Dania and Port Everglades), Palmetto (Port Manatee), Fernandina Beach (Port of Fernandina), Miami, Riviera Beach (Port of Palm Beach), Panama City, Pensacola, Port St. Joe, St. Petersburg, and Tampa.
- Nationally, the domestic maritime industry supports 478,440 jobs and a gross economic output of \$92.54 billion annually. Labor income nationally is \$28.95 billion annually with a \$9.98 billion tax impact. There are approximately 40,000 vessels in the American domestic fleet.

#### Sources:

Economic information about the American domestic maritime industry for this paper is taken from “Contributions of the Jones Act Shipping Industry to the U.S. Economy in 2011,” prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers for the Transportation Institute (January, 2014)(private study). Shipyard information comes from “The Economic Importance of the U.S. Shipbuilding and Repairing Industry,” prepared for the U.S. Maritime Administration (of the U.S. Department of Transportation) by PricewaterhouseCoopers (May 30, 2013). Commodity shipping data comes from the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, using 2011 data.